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**Docket No. 10908/9  
(P20197/MAJR/ds)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: Craig Van Buuren

Appln. No.: 10/796,557

Filed: March 9, 2004

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR SIMULATING A BIOLOGICAL  
HEAP LEACHING PROCESS

Examiner: Florito

Art Unit: 1793

Confirmation No. 1076

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated June 6, 2008 for a period of three months to and including December 6, 2008.

Applicant is: ☐ small entity (per 37 CFR 1.27) ☒ other than small entity

	<u><b>Extension Months</b></u>	<u><b>Other Than Small Entity</b></u>	<u><b>Small Entity</b></u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$130.00	\$65.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$490.00	\$245.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$1,110.00	\$555.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 21, 2008

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